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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **American Bar Association Honors First Circuit Judge Waldorf**

First Circuit Court (O'ahu) Judge Marcia J. Waldorf received the 2002 Franklin N. Flaschner Award at the annual American Bar Association (ABA) annual meeting held recently in Washington, D.C. The award is given annually by the ABA Judicial Division National Conference of Special Court Judges to recognize an outstanding judge serving in a court of limited or special jurisdiction.

The award recognizes a judge who exemplifies the high ideals, personal character, and judicial competence of the late Chief Judge Franklin H. Flaschner of the District Court of Massachusetts. He was a state and national leader in advancing the quality of justice in special courts and in improving judicial education.

Waldorf's award nomination cites her many outstanding qualities including her exemplary, consistent courtesy in the courtroom, bringing honor to the Judiciary she represents; her intellectual courage that brings a "certain zest to the study and application of the law"; and sound judgment in the courtroom. Her major contributions in the area of continuing judicial education include serving on the statewide Judicial Education Committee since being appointed by Chief Justice Ronald Moon in 1992 and on its Executive Committee since 1994.

Waldorf worked as a state public defender before being appointed as a judge of the District Court of the First Judicial Circuit in January 1985. From 1995 to 2000, she was the Administrative Judge of the District Court of the First Circuit. Governor Benjamin Cayetano appointed her to the First Circuit Court in June 2002.

Waldorf is an active member of the Hawai'i State Trial Judges Association, where she has held leadership positions, including the presidency. A Cum Laude graduate of the University of California at Davis, she received her law degree from the University of San Francisco Law School, where she ranked first in appellate argument and brief writing to qualify for the Moot Court Board.

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